THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to c) The following 3 major projects have been accorded techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) but are awaiting investment approval:—

Project	Date of receipt in CEA	Date of clerance of CEA	Remarks
1 Sharavathy Tail Race .	Feb., 1982	Oct., 1983	Environmental clearance his yet to be received.
2 Gas Turbines at Bangalore	Feb., 1985	July, 1985	Availability of petroleum fuel is yet to be ti d.
3 Diesel sets . . .	July, 1985	Sept., 1983	

(d) It is not possible to indicate a specific date for the approval of these projects as the requisite celarance and availability of essential inputs have yet to be tied up.

Talks regarding power and coal mining between India and Soviet Union

1265. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the results of the talks recently held between India and Soviet Union in the field of power; and coal mining; and

(b) what type of help is proposed to be extended by both the countries for power and coal mining projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) During the meeting of the Working Group on Coal and the discussions held during the visit of the Chairman USSR State Committee on Foreign Economic Relations, the progress of the various projects under implementation with Soviet assistance was reviewed. In addition, the possibilities of further Indo-Soviet Cooperation were also discussed by identifying projects with their assistance.

The assistance being received from Soviet Union is technical, financial, and covers the supply of equipment.

Clearance of power projects

1266. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA:

SHRI HAVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have decided not to clear any thermal or hydel power projects unless the concerned State Governmnets complete the process of land acquisition and provide infrastructural facilities for the purpose;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to help the State Government in regard therefo?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) To facilitate techno-economic appraisal of power projects by the Central Electricity Authority. it is necessary that proposals sponsored by the State agencies should be complete in all respects and necessary inputs such as

availability of land and water, fuel linkage, environment & forest clearances and availability of funds etc. are tied up. Land acquisition & actual provision of infrastructural facilities is not a pre-requisite for according techno-economic clearance by the Central Electricity Authority.

Suit against the Union Carbide Corporation

1267. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of India have recently filed a damage suit against the Union Carbide Corporation of America in Bhopal district courts claiming compensation for victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likey to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is subjudice and it is not possible to indicate any date of the final decision.

Unfair trade practices by certain companies

1268. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sometime back Government had initiated inquiries against certain companies to know whether the trade practices followed by them were prejudicial to the public interest;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies against which inquiries were conducted by the Government; and

(c) what is the outcome of the inquiries and what action has been taken/proposed to be taken by Government against the companies following unfair trade practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to c) During the period 1-1-84 to 30.9.86, the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Commission instituted 753 enquiries against various companies, firms etc. for their having indulged in unfair/restrictive trade practices. The Commission disposed of 327 enquiries and the remaning 426 enquries are at different stages of consideration. The effort involved in the compilation of details of 753 cases would not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be served. The Commission takes appropriate action in all such cases as per the provisions of the MRTP Act relating to unfair/restrictive trade practices.

HMT watches

1269. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI T. R. BALU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to the Starred Question 176 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th May, 1986 and state:

(a) what is the estimated production of MHT watches during the Seventh Plan;

(b) how many more factories will be set up during the period and where and when these are likely to be set up;

(c) whether Governmnt would prefer backward areas in this regard; if so, the criteria laid down for this purpose;

(d) whether there is any proposal to increase HMT service centres; if so, the details thereof; and